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APPENDIX VIII.

[Vide answer to question No. 291 asked by Mr. T. Narasa Reddi at the meeting of Legislative Council held on the 30th October 1935, page 148 supra.]

Letter from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur K. C. Manavedan Raja Avargal, B.A., Collector of Cuddapah, dated the 31st July 1935, No. Ref. A-2-3561/35.

[Season—Rayachoti taluk—Nulivedu firka (old Galivedu firka)—Present condition—Report submitted.]

Rainfall.—The statistics of rainfall during the past five years for the months of June and July are given in the margin. The rainfall this year has not only been sufficient but general and widespread in the taluk. The irrigation sources in Nulivedu firka have, however, not received sufficient supplies to raise wet crops or to irrigate the entire ayacut for dry crops. More rain is, of course, required to raise crops in the wet ayacut and to fill in tanks.

Year.	Rainfall during	
	June.	July.
1930	4·30	0·84
1931	3·74	4·25
1932	3·18	1·42
1933	1·04	1·09
1934	1·68	3·35
1935	5·91	5·90

Standing crops.—Sajja, groundnut, castor, horsegram, and pulses have been sown in a large scale in dry lands. The crops are all fair and weeding operations also said to be going on. In wet lands protected by wells, paddy, ragi, korra and cholam have been raised in the affected villages also on a small scale.

Pasture and fodder.—Fodder is, of course, not available as there was no harvest of paddy in the previous fasli, but pasture is said to be available throughout after the recent rains.

Labour.—Labour was hitherto made available in road works and in repairs to irrigation sources and drinking water wells. The workers are now resorting to labour in agricultural operations. Nulivedu firka (Galivedu) is a thinly populated tract with no considerable number of floating population such as coolies. As these are also now engaged in agricultural operations contractors are finding it difficult to get workers at present on the wages they hitherto paid. There is thus no need for providing labour in the firka or in other affected villages of the taluk. Repairs to irrigation sources and roads in the locality are, however, going on and workers in need of labour may go in for it.

In any case the present situation does not warrant any other remedial measures in Nulivedu firka or in other villages of the taluk.